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Ms. Judy Miao
Executive Director
ARC of Somerset County
141 South Main Street
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Dear Ms. Miao:

This letter provides information concerning the characterization of soil and groundwater contamination found on the ARC of Somerset County property located at 141 South Main Street, Manville, New Jersey as well as the status of the cleanup of the property.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a remedial investigation of soil contamination in the area. It has been concluded that low levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) found in surface soils on the ARC property were the result of the operations conducted by the Federal Creosoting Company. Investigation of the groundwater detected components of creosote at low levels in a monitoring well installed on the ARC property. The low levels of creosote components detected in the monitoring well appeared to have migrated from the former Federal Creosoting Company wood treatment facility.

EPA conducted a cleanup of the ARC property in August 2001 as part of its remediation of the Federal Creosote Superfund site. The cleanup of the ARC property involved removal of surface soils containing PAHs above the cleanup goals established for the site. EPA plans to conduct the final phase of the cleanup of the ARC property in December 2005. This phase of the cleanup will involve excavation of shallow soils from portions of the ARC parking lot. It is estimated that it will take approximately two weeks to complete the remediation of the ARC property.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rich Puvogel', written in a cursive style.

Rich Puvogel, Remedial Project Manager
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